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SUBJECT  The Kama-Vycheгда-Pechora River Reversal Scheme		PROJECT NUMBER 64.2596	
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STATEMENT OF PROBLEM  Soviet planners have envisioned vast "transformation of nature" projects that range from damming the Bering Strait to creating a huge "sea" in the Siberian lowland. Practical and economic considerations, however, have heretofore dictated that resources be spent on more limited-scope, single- or dual-purpose projects such as power dams or irrigation or drainage canals which -- though less spectacular in concept -- have "transformed" the landscape of small areas of the USSR. Now it begins to look as though the Soviets may actually carry out one of their more grandiose multiple-purpose schemes which could have economic and ecological impact from the Arctic to the Caspian. The technologies required to implement the scheme may include nuclear excavation.  We propose an IR outlining the status and scope of the project, discussing the economic, ecological, and technological issues, and putting it into the context of other similar plans and projects, worldwide. Our report will draw upon, but not unduly duplicate, the earlier OER issuance; ours will go much further into the economic and environmental consequences.		REQUESTING OFFICE	
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